

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3315–S3388

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2255–2261. **Pages S3366–67**

**Measures Passed:**

***Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act:*** Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the United States Coast Guard, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Alexander (for McCain) Amendment No. 2954, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3387**

Alexander (for McCain) Amendment No. 2955, to amend the title. **Page S3387**

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators McCain, Stevens, Lott, Hutchison, Snowe, Hollings, Inouye, Breaux, and Wyden; and from the Committee on Environment and Public Works: Senators Inhofe and Jeffords. **Page S3387**

**Welfare Reform Reauthorization:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3324–45**

Adopted:

By 78 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 64), Grassley (for Snowe) Amendment No. 2937, to provide additional funding for child care. **Pages S3334–35**

Pending:

Boxer/Kennedy Amendment No. 2945, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage. **Pages S3336–45**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute and, in accordance with the provisions of

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Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, April 1, 2004. **Page S3388**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill following the appointment of conferees to the House Message to accompany S. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, on Wednesday, March 31, 2004. **Page S3388**

**Budget Resolution—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 31, 2004, Senate will consider the House Message to accompany S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, with 90 minutes for debate; following the use or yielding back of time, Senate disagree to the amendment of the House, agree to the request for a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S3388**

**Appointments:**

***HELP Around the Globe Commission:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–199, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission: Eric G. Postel of Wisconsin. **Pages S3387–88**

***HELP Around the Globe Commission:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–199, Title VI, Section 637, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission: Michael A. Ledeen of Maryland. **Pages S3387–88**

***Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–199, Section 104(c)(1)(A), appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program: William E. Troutt of Tennessee. **Page S3388**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. **Page S3388**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—64) **Pages S3334–35**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 31, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3388.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DC YOUTH ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the deficiencies at the District of Columbia's Youth Services Administration, after receiving testimony from Austin A. Andersen, Interim Inspector General; Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., Director, Public Defender Service; Robert C. Bobb, City Administrator and Deputy Mayor; and Eugene N. Hamilton, Chair, Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Safety and Juvenile Justice Reform, all of the government of the District of Columbia.

### APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Defense-wide and Air Force military construction programs, after receiving testimony from Raymond F. Dubois, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Installations and Environment; Nelson F. Gibbs, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment, and Logistics; Major General L. Dean Fox,

USAF, Air Force Civil Engineer, U.S. Air Force; Brigadier General David A. Brubaker, USAF, Deputy Director, Air National Guard, U.S. Air Force; Brigadier General William M. Rajczak, USAF, Deputy to the Chief of Air Force Reserve, U.S. Air Force.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for border security and enforcement and immigration services, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Bonner, Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; Michael J. Garcia, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

### IRAQ SURVEY GROUP

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine the second interim report of the Iraq Survey Group, after receiving testimony from Charles A. Duelfer, Special Advisor to the Director of Central Intelligence for Strategy Regarding Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction Programs; and Major General Keith W. Dayton, USA, Commander, Iraq Survey Group.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005 and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Army aviation programs, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Richard A. Cody, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, U.S. Army; Major General Joseph L. Bergantz, USA, Program Executive Officer for Aviation, U.S. Army; and Brigadier General Edward J. Sinclair, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Aviation Center and Fort Rucker.

### MILITARY OPERATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on operations and intelligence from Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense; and General Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2238, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which

repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made; and

The nomination of Alphonso R. Jackson, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

### AVIATION SECURITY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a closed hearing to examine aviation security issues, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral David Stone, USN, (Ret.), Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, and Clark Kent Ervin, Inspector General, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Norman J. Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice, General Accounting Office.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Theodore William Kassinger, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce; Deborah A.P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Department of Transportation, who was introduced by Senator Hollings; Thomas Hill Moore, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, who was introduced by Senator Breaux; Alan Paul Anderson, of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL) and Representative Mica, and Joseph E. Brennan, of Maine, both to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner; and Jack Edwin McGregor, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, who was introduced by Representative Shays, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000, focusing on improvements in processing claims for compensation, after receiving testimony from Senator Grassley; Robert G. Card, Under Secretary of Energy; Shelby Hallmark, Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor; Robert E. Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; and John Howard, Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

### NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded an oversight hearing to examine National Heritage Areas, including findings and recommendations of the General Accounting Office, the definition of a National Heritage Area, the definition of national significance as it relates to National Heritage Areas, recommendations for establishing National Heritage Areas as units of the National Park System, recommendations for prioritizing proposed studies and designations, and options for developing a National Heritage Area Program within the National Park Service, after receiving testimony from A. Durand Jones, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Barry T. Hill, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office; August R. Carlino, Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area/Steel Industry Heritage Corporation, Homestead, Pennsylvania; Edward F. Sanderson, Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission, Providence, on behalf of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers; Lisa Benton-Short, George Washington University Center for Urban Environmental Research, Washington, D.C.; Carol W. LaGrasse, Property Rights Foundation of America, Inc., Stony Creek, New York; and Dennis Frenchman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Cambridge.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Donald Korb, of Ohio, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel, Department of the Treasury.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John J. Danilovich, of California, to be Ambassador to Brazil, and Craig A. Kelly, of California, to be Ambassador to Chile, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### FINANCIAL LITERACY

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the Federal government's role in empowering Americans to make informed financial decisions, focusing on financial education programs that help Americans obtain the knowledge to make informed financial choices throughout their lives, after receiving testimony from Senators Sarbanes, Enzi, and Stabenow;

Brian C. Roseboro, Acting Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance; Nina S. Rees, Deputy Under Secretary of Education for Innovation and Improvement; Susan Ferris Wyderko, Director, Office of Investor Education and Assistance, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Don M. Blandin, American Savings Education Council, and Dara Duguay, Jump Start Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert F. Duvall, National Council on Economic Education, New York, New York.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee approved for reporting the nominations of Edward R. McPherson, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Education, Lisa Kruska, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, David Wesley Fleming of California, Jay Phillip Greene, of Florida, and John Richard Petrocik, of Missouri, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Juanita Alicia Vasquez-Gardner, of Texas, and Patrick Lloyd McCrory, of North Carolina, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation, and Gerald Lee, of Pennsylvania, and Robert C. Granger, of New Jersey, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, Department of Education.

### INDIAN FOREST MANAGEMENT REPORT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Inter-Tribal Timber

Council's Indian Forest Management Assessment Team report, focusing on its recommendations providing the Department of the Interior with feedback to improve the delivery and management of forestry services provided to federally recognized tribes and individual Indian owners, after receiving testimony from Aurene M. Martin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Nolan C. Colegrove, Sr., Intertribal Timber Council, Portland, Oregon; and John C. Gordon, Interforest, LLC, Branford, Connecticut, on behalf of the Second Indian Forest Management Assessment Team.

### INDIAN LAND RESTORATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 868, to amend the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Restoration Act to provide for the cultural restoration and economic self-sufficiency of the Confederation Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians of Oregon, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Cheryl Hoile, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, Coos Bay, Oregon; Peter M. Wakeland, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, Oregon; and Jay Ward, Oregon Natural Resources Council, Portland.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 4056–4076; and; 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 401–402, and H. Res. 583–584, 596–589 were introduced.

**Pages H1739–40**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3658, to amend the Public Health Service Act to strengthen education, prevention, and treatment programs relating to stroke, amended (H. Rept. 108–453); and

H. Res. 585, providing for the consideration of H. Res. 581, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding rates of compensation for civil-

ian employees and members of the uniformed services of the United States (H. Rept. 108–454).

**Pages H1738–39**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Chocoma to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:33 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, March 29 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 353 yeas to 55 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 96.

**Pages H1659–60**

**Budget Resolution for FY 2005—Order of Business:** The House agreed to insist on its amendment

to S. Con. Res. 95, concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, and requested a conference.

**Pages H1651–61**

Rejected the Thompson of California motion to instruct conferees on the concurrent resolution to agree to the pay-as-you-go enforcement provisions within the scope of the conference regarding direct spending increases and tax cuts in the House and Senate by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 97.

**Pages H1660–61**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Nussle, Portman, and Spratt.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Welcoming the accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia to NATO:* H. Res. 558, amended, welcoming the accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 99;

**Pages H1661–66, H1701**

*Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004 through 2006:* H.R. 3036, amended, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2004 through 2006;

**Pages H1666–83**

*Reauthorizing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program through June 30, 2004:* S. 2231, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2004;

**Pages H1683–86**

*Reauthorizing certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through June 30, 2004:* S. 2241, to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through June 30, 2004;

**Pages H1686–88**

*Reimbursement for certain expenses incurred by members of the U.S. Armed Forces under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Leave Program:* S. 2057, to require the Secretary of Defense to reimburse members of the United States Armed Forces for certain transportation expenses incurred by the members in connection with leave under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Leave Program before the program was expanded to include domestic travel, by a 2/3 yea and nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 100;

**Pages H1688–90, H1701–02**

*Establishing campaign medals to be awarded to members of the Armed Forces who participate in*

*Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom:* H.R. 3104, amended, to provide for the establishment of campaign medals to be awarded to members of the Armed Forces who participate in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, by a 2/3 yea and nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 102; and

**Pages H1690–93, H1712**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to provide for the establishment of separate campaign medals to be awarded to members of the uniformed services who participate in Operation Enduring Freedom and to members of the uniformed services who participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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*Congratulating the U.S. Air Force Academy on its 50th Anniversary:* H. Con. Res. 386, congratulating the United States Air Force Academy on its 50th Anniversary and recognizing its contributions to the Nation, by a 2/3 yea and nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 103.

**Pages H1693–95, H1712–13**

**ROTC and Military Recruiter Equal Access to Campus Act of 2004:** The House passed H.R. 3966, to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the ability of the Department of Defense to establish and maintain Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps units at institutions of higher education, to improve the ability of students to participate in Senior ROTC programs, and to ensure that institutions of higher education provide military recruiters entry to campuses and access to students that is at least equal in quality and scope to that provided to any other employer, by a recorded vote of 343 yeas to 81 noes, Roll No. 101.

**Pages H1695–H1712**

The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill was considered as adopted.

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Rejected the Abercrombie motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions by a voice vote.

**Pages H1710–11**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the ability of the Department of Defense to establish and maintain Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps units at institutions of higher education, to improve the ability of students to participate in Senior ROTC programs, and to ensure that institutions of higher education provide military recruiters entry to campuses and access to students that is at least equal in quality and scope to that provided to any other employer.

**Pages H1711–12**

H. Res. 580, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 223 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 98.

Pages H1700–01

**Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users—Order of Business:** Agreed that it be in order at any time for the Speaker to declare the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and that consideration of the bill proceed according to the following order: the first reading of the bill is dispensed with; all points of order against consideration of the bill are waived; general debate shall not exceed two hours and 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (including a final period of ten minutes to follow consideration of the bill for amendment) and 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; after the initial period of general debate, the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion; and no further consideration of H.R. 3550 shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H1659–60, H1660–61, H1700–01, H1701–02, H1701, H1711, H1712 and H1712–13. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on NOAA. Testimony was heard from Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., Under Secretary and NOAA Administrator, Department of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on U.S. Air Force. Testimony was heard from James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Air Force Acquisition. Testimony was heard from Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force.

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Science and Technology. Testimony was heard from Charles McQueary, Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NAVY FORCE STRUCTURE AND SHIP CONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on Navy Force Structure and Ship Construction. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John J. Young, Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); VADM John B. Nathman, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (N–7) (Warfare Requirements and Programs); and VADM James C. Dawson, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (N–8) (Resources, Requirements and Assessments); Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

### LOGISTICS: LESSONS FROM OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Logistics: Lessons from OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and Logistics Transformation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Robert T. Dail, USA, Director, Operations, TCJ3, United States Transportation Command; VADM Keith W. Lippert, USN, Director, Defense Logistics Agency; LTG Claude V. Christianson, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G4, Department of the Army; and BG Edward G. Usher III, USMC, Assistant Commandant for Installation and Logistics, U.S. Marine Corps.

### SUBPRIME LENDING

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a joint hearing entitled "Subprime Lending: Defining the Market and Its Customers." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**“A SYSTEM RUED: INSPECTING FOOD”**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled “A System Rued: Inspecting Food.” Testimony was heard from Lawrence J. Dyckman, Director, National Resources and Environment, GAO; the following officials of the USDA: Robert E. Brackett, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA; and Merle Pierson, Deputy Under Secretary, Food Safety; Dan Glickman, former Secretary of Agriculture; and a public witness.

**DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT EFFECTIVENESS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Measuring the Effectiveness of Drug Addiction Treatment.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Charles Currie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH; and public witnesses.

**IMPACT OF HEALTH PROTECTION PROGRAMS ON GUARD AND RESERVE UNITS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Does the ‘Total Force’ Add Up? The Impact of Health Protection Programs on Guard and Reserve Units.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William Winkenwerder, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; LTG James B. Peake, M.D., The Surgeon General, U.S. Army; Specialist John A. Ramsey, 32nd Army Air Missile Defense Command, Florida National Guard; Specialist First Class Scott Emde, 20th Special Forces Group, B Company, 3rd Battalion, Virginia National Guard; and Specialist Timothy McMichael, U.S. Army Reserves, Medical Hold Unit, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

**NATION’S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled “Telecommunication and SCADA: Secure Links or Open Portals to the Security of the Nation’s Critical Infrastructure.” Testimony was heard from Robert F. Dacey, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; James McDonald, Director, Protective Security Division, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

**ADMINISTRATION AND NONPROLIFERATION**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the Bush Administration and Nonproliferation: A New Strategy Emerges. Testimony was heard from John R. Bolton, Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on The Defense of Marriage Act. Testimony was heard from John Hanes, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, State of Wyoming; Bob Barr, former Representative, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: S. 1301, Video Voyeurism Prevention Act of 2004; H.R. 1678, Anti-Hoax Terrorism Act of 2004; H.R. 1731, Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act; and H.R. 3866, Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on S. 1743, Private Security Officer Employment Authorization Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Michael Kirkpatrick, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, FBI, Department of Justice; Jeanine Pirro, District Attorney, Westchester County, State of New York; and public witnesses.

**ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3796, Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Reform Act of 2004; and H.R. 3778, Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program Extension and Reform Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Jeff Jarrett, Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior; J. Steven Roberts, Deputy Secretary, Office of Mineral Resources Management, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Pennsylvania; John A. Masterson, Counsel to the Governor, State of Wyoming; Stephen Hohmann, Director, Division of Abandoned Mine Lands, Department for Natural Resources, State of Kentucky; William Michael Sharpe, Assistant Director, AML Program, Conservation Commission, State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

**PAY PARITY FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H. Res. 581, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives

regarding rates of compensation for civilian employees and members of the uniformed services of the United States, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform. The rule provides one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Davis and Representative Wolf.

#### **TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS**

*Committee on Rules:* Heard testimony from Chairman Young of Alaska and Representatives Petri, Gilchrest, Quinn, Ehlers, Bachus, LaTourette, LoBiondo, Bereuter, Isakson, Graves, Kennedy of Minnesota, Chocola, Gerlach, Tancredo, Vitter, Flake, Kirk, Bradley of New Hampshire, Oberstar, Lipinski, Menendez, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Millender-McDonald, Blumenauer, Baird, Carson of Indiana, Davis of Tennessee, Waters, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Turner of Texas, Holt, Lynch and Schiff, but action was deferred on H.R. 3550, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users.

#### **CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN MATH AND SCIENCE EDUCATION ACT**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Research approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4030, Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Judith Ramaley, Assistant Director, Education and Human Resources Directorate, NSF; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—INCONSISTENT REGULATION OF WETLANDS AND OTHER WATERS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Inconsistent Regulation of Wetlands and Other Waters. Testimony was heard from Representative Ose; John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), Department of the Army; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

#### **DVA—PROVIDING CERTAIN VETERANS WITH PRESCRIPTION-ONLY HEALTH CARE BENEFIT**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs providing certain veterans with a prescription-only health care benefit. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D., Dep-

uty Under Secretary, Health; Michael A. Valentino, Chief Consultant, Pharmacy Benefits Management; and Barbara J. Manning, Program Analyst, Policy and Forecasting Service; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

#### **TAX RETURN FILING SEASON AND IRS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on 2004 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 2005. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Mark Everson, Commissioner, IRS; and Nancy Killefer, Chair, IRS Oversight Board; James R. White, Director, Tax Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### **COUNTERTERRORISM BUDGET**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Counterterrorism Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

#### **NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL, RADIOLOGICAL THREATS TO THE HOMELAND**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Nuclear, Biological, Chemical, Radiological Threats to the Homeland. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

#### **HOMELAND CYBERSECURITY AND DHS ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE BUDGET**

*Select Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science and Research and Development held a hearing entitled "Homeland Cybersecurity and DHS Enterprise Architecture Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2005." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Robert Liscouski, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection; and Steven Cooper, Chief, Information Officer.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2004**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, and Office of Environment, Safety and Health, 10 a.m., SD-138.



Subcommittee on Defense, to hold a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and world wide threat assessment, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and the United States Capitol Police, 2 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on active and Reserve military and civilian personnel programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing on the acquisition of the Boeing KC-767A tanker aircraft, 4 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to resume hearings to examine the current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry focusing on soft-dollar practices, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry focusing on fund costs and distribution practices, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Ann R. Klee, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, Charles Johnson, of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, Benjamin Grumbles, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Gary Lee Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the role of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in meeting the nation's water resource needs in the 21st century, 1:30 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul V. Applegarth, of Connecticut, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the effects of the Madrid Terrorist Attacks on U.S. European cooperation in the war on terrorism, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on FCC, 10 a.m., and on SEC, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Missile Defense, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Contributions of the Army Corps of Engineers in the Restoration of Iraq and Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on U.S. Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Pacific Command, 1:30 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., and 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of Defense's Business Transformation Efforts, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request on Reserve Component Transformation and Relieving the Stress on the Reserve Component, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "U.S.-China Trade: Preparations for the Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review to Assess Progress with the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection's Targeting Program for Sea Cargo," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Working with State Regulators to Increase Insurance Choices for Consumers," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "10 Years of GPRA—Results, Demonstrated," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* to mark up the following: H.R. 3978, Designation of Foreign Terrorist Organizations Reform Act; H.R. 4011, North Korea Human Rights Act of 2004; H.R. 2760, Resolution of the Ethiopia-Eritrea Border Dispute Act of 2003; the Peace Crops Safety and Security Act of 2004; the Assistance for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Developing Countries Act of 2004; the United States International Leadership Act of 2003; H. Res. 402, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the urgent need for freedom, democratic reform, and international monitoring of elections, human rights, and religious liberty in the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H. Res. 535, Expressing the concern and support of the House of Representatives for local elected officials under threat of assassination, kidnapping, forcible displacement, and coercion by terrorist organizations in the Republic of Colombia; H. Res. 563, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the one-year anniversary of the human rights crackdown in Cuba; H. Res.

576, Urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to improve its protection of intellectual property rights; H. Con. Res. 326, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the arbitrary detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China and urging his immediate release; H. Con. Res. 336, Expressing the sense of Congress that the continued participation of the Russian Federation in the Group of 8 nations should be conditioned on the Russian Government voluntarily accepting and adhering to the norms and standards of democracy; H. Con. Res. 352, Recognizing the contributions of people of Indian origin to the United States and the benefits of working together with India towards promoting peace, prosperity, and freedom among all countries of the world; H. Con. Res. 378, Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Thaddeus Nguyen Van Ly; and a resolution expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on Belarus and Its Future: Democracy or Soviet-Style Dictatorship? 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up H.R. 3866, Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the Legal Services Corporation: Inquiry into the Activities of the California Rural Legal As-

sistance Program and Testimony Relating to the Merits of Client Co-Pay, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following: the Piracy Deterrence and Education Act of 2004; H.R. 3632, Anti-Counterfeiting Amendments of 2003; H.R. 3754, Fraudulent Online Sanctions Act; and the Authorization Satellite Home Viewer Extension Act, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, oversight hearing on the Federal recognition and acknowledgment process by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3980, National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004; H.R. 3970, Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2004; and H.R. 4030, Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on the Status of Railroad Economic Regulation, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on current Department of Veterans Affairs employment practices with regard to procedures for background checks and credentialing, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Iraq Weapons of Mass Destruction Update, 9 a.m., and executive, hearing on Counterintelligence Budget, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 31

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 31

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will consider the House Message to accompany S. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution; following which, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4, Welfare Reform Reauthorization.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H. Res. 581, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding rates of compensation for civilian employees and members of the uniformed services of the United States.

Begin consideration of H.R. 3550, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (unanimous consent agreement, two hours and 40 minutes of debate).

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